Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I don't know. For one thing, all the papers of three years and back would have been destroyed as lodged papers,

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Do not the Government think that since they are so backward in education, they should be helped?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Even as the figures stand we cannot say they are backward. In the second place, the majority of them, I do not think, Sir, belong to Cochin.

MUSIC EXAMINERS—NAMES OF

199. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the Music Examiners in the State?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* The names cannot be disclosed, as the matter is confidential.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Are the examiners always teachers?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)* Not always.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Who were the examiners last year?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It is a body which is confidential and so I am not in a position to answer the question without infringing the confidence reposed in me as President of the Board of Examiners.

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* The reason is so obvious.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Is there a written examination?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Apart from disclosing the names of examiners, are they of the class of teachers?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* There is a Board of Examiners and the Board selects persons some of whom are teachers of music and others are professional musicians.

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Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin Christians-Cranganur):* Are the names of examiners in other subjects also confidential?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Yes.

CENTRAL MEDICAL STORES—PURCHASE OF ARTICLES—INFORMATION REGARDING

200. Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin Christians-Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the names and official designations of the person or persons responsible for the purchase of articles to the Central Medical Stores;

(*b*) whether there is anybody other than the person or persons responsible for the purchase to supervise the distribution of medicines and other articles from the Central Medical Stores and to check the stock periodically;

(*c*) under whose charge is the Central Medical Stores now placed;

(*d*) whether the Government has at any time checked the stock in the Central Medical Stores?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* (*a*) The Medicine Purchase Committee consisting of the following members.—

(*i*) Chief Medical Officer,
(*ii*) Joint Secretary to Government,
(*iii*) Civil Surgeon, General Hospital.

(*b*) The Chief Medical Officer supervises the distribution of medicines and other articles from the Central Medical Stores. The registers are audited by the Local Audit Staff and the stock is checked yearly by an Assistant Surgeon deputed by the Chief Medical Officer.

(*c*) Chief Medical Officer.

(*d*) The stock is verified annually as noted above and the reports are submitted to Government.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT—NUMBER OF REFRIGERATORS PURCHASED SINCE CHINGAM 1114

201. Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin Christians-Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of refrigerators purchased since Chingam 1114 for the Medical Department;

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